



Wayne Marino Faculty of Human Kinetics Teaching Excellence Award¹

Background

This award is to recognize and honour teaching excellence within the Faculty of Human Kinetics at the University of Windsor, and by doing so, enhance the learning-centred atmosphere, which is at the core of our mission. Long known for fostering high quality teaching, the Faculty of Human Kinetics boasts a complement of outstanding instructors, a number of whom have received internal and external recognitions for their teaching.

Eligible Candidates

All instructors teaching academic courses in the Department of Kinesiology in the last twelve months are eligible for nomination. The award may only be received by an instructor of academic courses once within a three-year window.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be made by colleagues, alumni, or current undergraduate and graduate students. Nominations must be submitted by **May 31st**. Nominees will be contacted following this date to confirm that they will accept the nomination and prepare their application package (described below) for submission. Application package should be submitted via email by **August 31st**, according to the following guidelines. With the approval of the nominee, nominations will remain active for three years; nominees will be given the opportunity to update their application packages in years two and/or three.

Application Packages

At minimum, application packages shall include:

1. a nomination letter that highlights evidence of the candidate's excellence as a teacher
2. a statement on teaching philosophy (2-page maximum)
3. a statement on teaching practices (2-page maximum)
4. evidence of impact on students, including Student Evaluations of Teaching (SET) scores.

Applicants do not need to submit a complete teaching dossier. However, applicants are encouraged to include other relevant evidence and information regarding their teaching practices and impact on student learning, with a particular focus on the past five years. The Committee may contact nominees for additional information and/or explanations of submitted materials to help distinguish candidates. Applicants might consider providing some or all of the following information and evidence in support of their nomination:

- a. courses taught
- b. teaching and assessment methods used
- c. student supervision: undergraduate and/or graduate
- d. letters from colleagues, students, and peers external to the university
- e. student feedback (solicited and unsolicited)
- f. teaching development (personal and professional development related to teaching)
- g. course and curriculum design and development
- h. leadership, including pedagogical services internal and external to the university
- i. impact within the university and beyond the university.

¹ The basic structure and review process associated with this award were modelled after the Faculty of Science's Roger Thibert Teaching Excellence Award

Nominations and completed application packages should be submitted via email to:

Ms. Sheila Daudlin, Assistant to the Dean, Faculty of Human Kinetics (sheilad@uwindsor.ca).

Review Process

Application packages will be circulated to the Wayne Marino Faculty of Human Kinetics Teaching Award Committee for review. The committee will meet in early fall each year to review the applications and reach consensus on a candidate for the award.

The Committee will be struck and chaired by the Dean of the Faculty of Human Kinetics. The Committee will include one instructor from the Department of Kinesiology and one from the Division of Athletics & Recreational Services, one graduate and one undergraduate student, as well as a non-voting member from the Centre for Teaching and Learning. Committee representation will be determined after the nominations are received in order to eliminate any potential conflicts between committee members and nominated instructors. Committee membership is at the discretion of the Chair.

Criteria

The committee will be examining the application packages for evidence of excellence which may be demonstrated at the undergraduate and/or graduate level, through teaching, curriculum development or other educational leadership activities. The committee will also be looking for things such as the following when deciding on who will receive the award:

- integrating knowledge of current research discoveries as well as developing student research skills and thinking
- engendering curiosity and lifelong learning
- developing self-directed learning
- motivating and engaging students
- creating an environment to support learning
- demonstrating extra effort to be accessible to help and mentor students
- having impact on student learning within a course or program
- course or program design and development
- teaching leadership
- having impact beyond the faculty.

Award

The award will be given to a maximum of one individual each year and it need not be awarded if it is deemed that there is no suitable applicant in a given year. The award will be presented at the Faculty of Human Kinetics Scholars' Evening and will be highlighted at the Annual Celebration of Teaching Excellence hosted by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

For additional information please contact:

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